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 Inventor:
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LETTER ACCOMPANYING PETITION TO ACCEPT LATE PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter accompanies the petition of Joseph A. Rasche, inventor of U. S. Patent 6,540,134 (hereinafter sometimes the patent) to reinstate the patent. Please charge the petition fee of \$1,640.00 and the maintenance fee of \$1,450.00, as well as any other fees which may be due to reinstate the patent, to undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to file 22784-65403.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Joseph A. Rasche, declare that I am the inventor of U. S. Pätent 6,540,134 (hereinafter sometimes the patent). On or about May 12, 2011, and again on or about October 7, 2011, I received reminders from my lawyer of the need to pay a second maintenance fee to maintain the patent in force. I set the reminders aside for future action. Unfortunately, owing to the press of my and my family's daily affairs, the reminders were misplaced. As a result, the maintenance fee did not get paid, and the patent went unintentionally abandoned.

I bereby petition to reinstate the patent.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Rasche

Petitioner

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